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Reply to Office Action Mailed October 18, 2007  
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In re the Application of: Jean-Marie BADOZ, ET AL.

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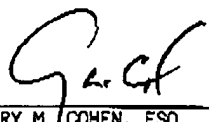
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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 1184  
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Application No. 10/567,169 : Examiner: John J. Wilson  
Filing Date: February 3, 2006 : (571) 272-4722  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 18, 2007

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Sir:

This Reply is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed in this matter on October 18, 2007.

Before turning to the merits of the Office Action of October 18, 2007, it is noted, with appreciation, that the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this matter on August 30, 2007, has been duly considered, and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form supplied with the Information Disclosure Statement has been returned with the Office Action.

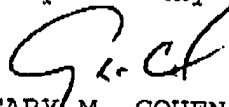
Turning to the merits of the Office Action of October 18, 2007, it is noted that claims 8 to 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because these claims are considered to contain subject matter that was not adequately described in the original specification. Amendments made to the specification in the Reply filed in this matter on August 20, 2007, have been objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) because inserted material relating to new Figures 2 and 3 is considered to introduce new matter into the disclosure. The drawings are similarly objected to later in the Office Action. Claims 8 to 13, 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over a proposed combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,155,827 (Euvrard) and U.S. Patent No. 5,120,220 (Butler), and claims 8 to 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over various proposed combinations of Euvrard and Butler with U.S. Patent No. 3,578,745 (Garnier et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 5,730,595 (Bailey).

It is further noted that the Office Action of October 18, 2007, has been made final. In view of the limitations imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.116, a continuation-in-part application has been filed to proceed with prosecution of the subject matter of the present U.S. Patent Application. This continuation-in-part application has since been assigned the Application No. 11/978,797, and a Filing Date of October 30, 2007.

The continuation-in-part application has been filed in view of the limitations imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and is not to be construed as applicants' acquiescence in the objections to the specification and to the drawings, or the rejections of claims stated in the Office Action of October 18, 2007, which are hereby respectfully traversed, or a disclaimer of any subject matter presented in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application No. 10/567,169.


Appropriate reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application is respectfully requested, and corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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